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TOPIC

Soviet Troops in Eisenstadt, Blumau, Traiskirchen,

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Kaiserebersdorf and Kalksburg

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Eisenstadt.

- On 30 August 1951, the Kattner settlement in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55) was vacated and no sentries were seen. No movements were observed at the building formerly housing the provincial government. The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen in front of the building. About 200 troops, organized into groups of 30 to 40 men, wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying submachine guns, light machine guns and heavy machine guns, rifles and practice targets, marched into the Jaeger Kaserne which was guarded by sentries with black-bordered red epaulets. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, left the installation. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced driving with 11 trucks [redacted] on the athletic field southeast of the railroad station. (1) [redacted] learned from railroadmen that the train dispatched from Eisenstadt to Allentsteig (O 49/R 53) on 13 July was sent back to Eisenstadt. (2)

Blumau.

- On 30 August 1951, [redacted] motor vehicles were loaded at the Blumau (O 48/X 36) railroad station: Trucks [redacted] some of which were loaded with poles of about 5 cm in diameter for the construction of telephone lines [redacted] Troops engaged in the loading wore red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered red epaulets, blue-bordered black epaulets, and black-bordered black epaulets. Small truck [redacted] was seen passing through town, occupied by an officer with black-bordered red epaulets besides

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the driver who wore black-bordered black epaulets. (3)

Traiskirchen.

3. On 30 August, several soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and four AT guns were seen in the yard of the former federal boarding school in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). Several trucks/

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were also seen there.

Kaiserebersdorf.

4. On 31 August, the barracks installation in Kaiserebersdorf (P 49/X 43) was vacated. Austrian policemen were engaged in cleaning up the installation. (4)

Kalksburg.

5. On 31 August 1951, the former teachers' college in Kalksburg (O 49/X 38) was vacated.

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- (1) Comments. 25X1A
[redacted] previously reported billeting equipment to have been entrained by Soviet air force soldiers on 2 August 1951. [redacted] It is possible that the settlement is scheduled to be occupied by army units as was done with the two other military quarters in Eisenstadt at the beginning of July 1951. The motor vehicles which, according to the present report, were seen in front of the building of the former provincial government and on the athletic field, belong to a driving school unit of the Central Group of Forces, which had its motor vehicles previously parked in the former automobile and aircraft engine factory on Gabrielerstrasse in Moedling. This factory may have been occupied by components of the Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div since the beginning of August 1951. [redacted] On the basis of the present and previous report, it is therefore possible that the driving school has been permanently transferred to Eisenstadt.

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- (2) [redacted] a military train was dispatched from Eisenstadt to Allentsteig on 16 July 1951.

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- (3) [redacted] motor vehicles have only recently been observed in the Austro-Hungarian area. The vehicles [redacted] possibly belong to GHO units.

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- (4) At the beginning of July 1951 [redacted] reported that the barracks installation had been turned over to the Austrian federal building administration. [redacted]

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